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SUMMARY. EMBOFFS SAW YOSHINO OF FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ADVICE ON BEST METHOD TO RECOVER DEEP SEA SEARCH SYSTEM. HE ADVISES EMBASSY TO APPROACH NEC DIRECTLY, IF POSSIBLE ARMED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT DATE ITEM WILL APPEAR ON MUNITIONS LIST AND WHETHER SOME SUBSTITUTE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. WE ARE TRYING TO SEE NEC JULY 25. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, DCM AND ECMIN CALLED ON DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YOSHINO JULY 22 TO SEEK GOJ ADVICE ON BEST METHOD FOR RECOVERING DSS-125 SYSTEM.

2. YOSHINO WAS CLEARLY SENSITIVE TO IMPORTANCE OF MATTER AND ANXIOUS TO HELP RESOLVE SITUATION IN MOST FEASIBLE MANNER.

3. YOSHINO POINTED OUT (AND WE CAN CONFIRM) THAT
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NEC HAS HAD LONG AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. HE SUGGESTED WE APPROACH CHAIRMAN KOBAYASHI OF NEC DIRECTLY WITH FULL EXPLANATION, POINTING OUT WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT IF NEC FORESEES PROBLEMS, THEY ARE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL.

4. YOSHINO NOTED THAT NEC HAS EXTENSIVE AND VALUABLE

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CONTRACTS WITH SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS AND WILL NEED TO HAVE PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THIS CONTRACT. HE ASKED, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW SOON ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON MUNITIONS LIST. HE ALSO SAID NEC'S POSITION MIGHT BE EASED IF SUBSTITUTE OR MODIFIED ITEM COULD BE PROVIDED.

5. WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH KOBAYASHI OF NEC FOR MONDAY, JULY 25. FOR THAT MEETING IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 4 ABOVE. MANSFIELD

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